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TAGS: OEXC, FR (XAVIER HAMELIN)
SUBJECT: VOLUNTARY VISITOR XAVIER HAMELIN

1. EMBASSY HAS JUST RECEIVED A LETTER FROM JACQUES FOUCHIER, PRESIDENT OF THE FRENCH NATIONAL ASSEMBLY'S COMMITTEE ON PRODUCTION AND EXCHANGES, REQUESTING USG ASSISTANCE IN SETTING UP A PROGRAM FOR XAVIER HAMELIN, GAULLIST DEPUTY FROM THE RHONE AND MEMBER OF THE ABOVE COMMITTEE. LAST JULY A LAW WAS PROPOSED IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY FOR THE PURPOSE OF CREATING AN OFFICE FOR THE EVALUATION OF TECHNOLOGICAL OPTIONS. THE FUNCTIONS OF THIS OFFICE WILL IN ALL LIKELIHOOD BE BASED VERY MUCH ON THOSE OF THE US CONGRESSIONAL OFFICE OF TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT, AND HAMELIN, ACCOMPANIED BY GUTMAN-LAJEUNESSE (RAPPORTEUR OF THE FRENCH COMMITTEE), WISHES TO GO TO THE US FOR THE PURPOSE OF STUDYING THE FUNCTIONS OF THE OFFICE OF TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT.

2. JACQUES FOUCHIER HAS ALREADY BEEN IN TOUCH WITH THE SCIENTIFIC COUNSELOR AT THE FRENCH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON, MR. FRANCOIS DAVOINE, WHO IS TO MEET HAMELIN AND GUTMAN-LAJEUNESSE AT DULLES AIRPORT AND WHO IS TAKING CARE OF HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS FOR THEM. GUTMAN-
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LAJEUNESSE SPEAKS FLUENT ENGLISH, AS DOES DAVOINE, WHO WILL PROBABLY ACCOMPANY BOTH MEN DURING THEIR VISITS IN THE UNITED STATES. THEY ARRIVE ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 23, ON AF-053 AT 17:55 WASHINGTON TIME. ACCORDING TO GUTMAN-LAJEUNESSE, DAVOINE HAS ALREADY SET UP PART OF THEIR PROGRAM.

3. AMEMBASSY PARIS NONETHELESS REQUESTS DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANCE IN OVERSEEING HAMELIN'S TRIP. WITH THIS IN MIND IT IS SUGGESTED THAT CONTACT BE MADE WITH DAVOINE AT THE FRENCH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON FOR THE PURPOSE OF ASCERTAINING HOW MUCH OF A PROGRAM HAS ALREADY BEEN SET UP AND HOW THE DEPARTMENT FEELS THE PROGRAM COULD BE ROUNDED OUT.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: (A) ASSISTANCE IN SETTING UP HAMELIN'S PROGRAM. (B) THE FULL NAME OF THE CURRENT PRESIDENT OF THE OFFICE OF TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT IN CONGRESS. PLEASE COMMUNICATE LATTER INFORMATION TELEGRAPHICALLY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. POST THANKS DEPARTMENT FOR ITS ASSISTANCE.
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